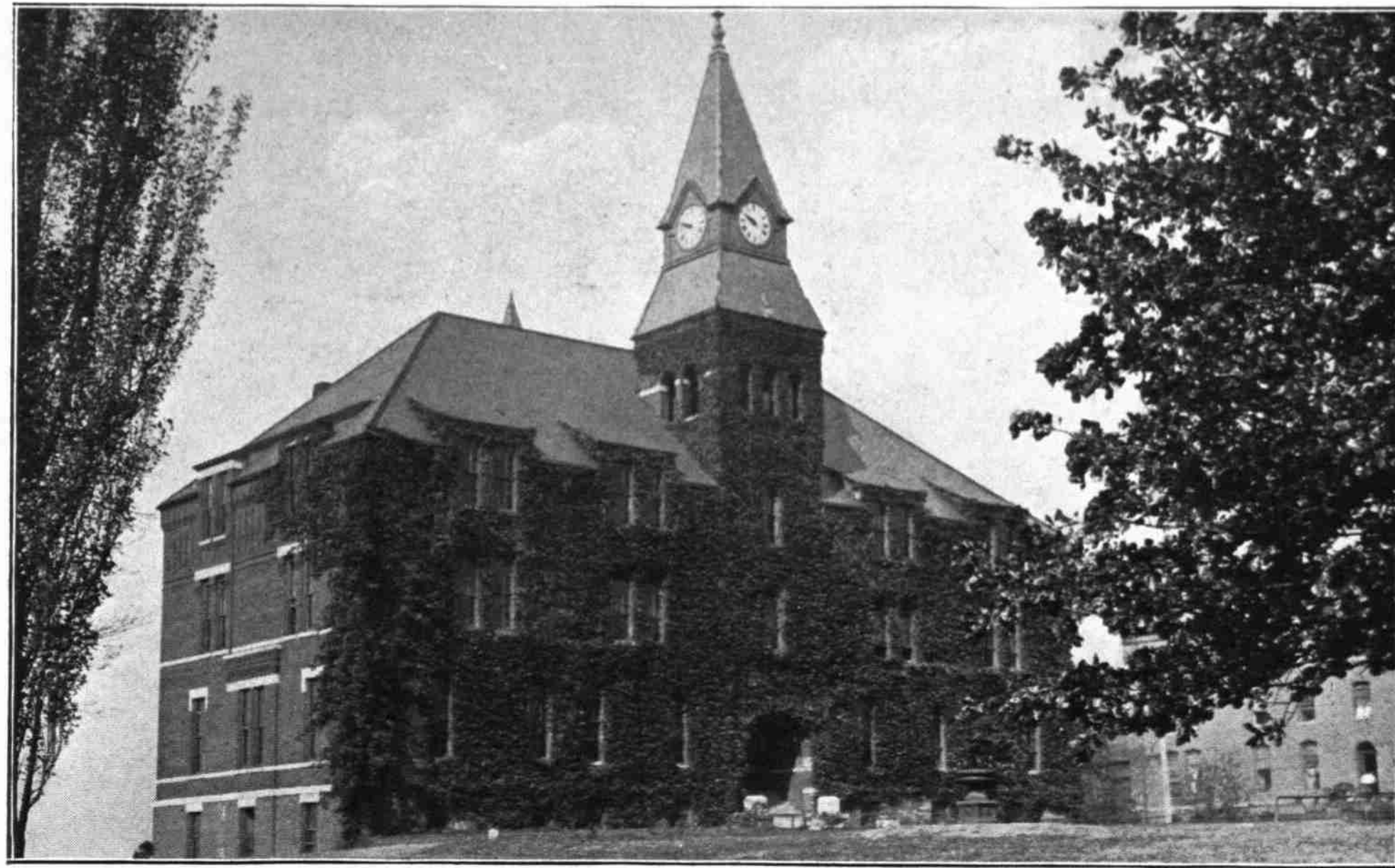




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President, Atlanta University. Three hundred thirty-nine students and 28 teachers in 1908, in addition to 115 children in the Oglethorpe Practice School.



**ATLANTA UNIVERSITY (STONE HALL), ATLANTA, GA. FOUNDED 1867**

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**A**TLANTA UNIVERSITY, one of the oldest institutions in the South for the education of the Negro, was founded "as an expression of the same faith in humanity within as without the color line."

Established in 1869 by Edward A. Ware, a graduate of Yale, associated with Cyrus Francis and Horace Bumstead, two Yale College classmates, it was not simply a primary school, a grammar school, or a high school, but all of these, and, in addition, a college, and the founders made the college the center and norm of all their work. They did this, first, for the development of individual Negro talent; second, for inspiration and leadership of Negro communities; and third, for the training and supplying of teachers.

Under the direction of the American Missionary Association (Congregational) for a number of years, Atlanta University is

now governed by an independent board of trustees, which includes representatives of several denominations.

Edmund Asa Ware, who was a native of Norfolk, Mass., and was twenty-five years of age when he graduated from Yale, became principal of a public school in Nashville, Tenn., and later, under the direction of the American Missionary Association, and the Freedmen's Aid Bureau, began a life work for the Negroes, for which he believed he had a divine commission. His influence was not confined to his work in Atlanta University. It was he who counseled and advised with the colored and other members of the Constitution Convention of Georgia, and secured provision, in the Constitution, for the establishment of a public-school system, and afterwards with members of the first legislature, by which it was established and put into operation. In a sense, then, Atlanta University established the first public-school system in the state, since its president was the first state superintendent of education.

Mr. Ware became the first president of Atlanta University. He was succeeded by Mr. Horace Bumstead, who from the time he joined Atlanta University as teacher of science, in 1875, until